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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6951

BILL NUMBER: HB 1171

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: State Universities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Culver

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a professor who is employed by a state educational institution to teach at least one class each fall and spring semester.

The bill requires each state educational institution to ensure that the courses required for a single major are offered in such a manner that an undergraduate student is able to complete a single major in not more than four fall and four spring semesters.

The bill requires each state educational institution to train individuals who counsel students in course selection in methods of determining the course requirements for each undergraduate major.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provision requiring a professor to teach one class each semester should not have a significant impact.

The provision requiring state educational institutions to ensure that courses are offered for a student to graduate in four years could have some impact if additional courses had to be offered even if there were not sufficient students to offer the class. The impact is probably minor.

The provision requiring state educational institutions to provide training to individuals who counsel students in course selection in methods of determining the course requirements for each undergraduate major could have some minor impact.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill could have some impact on research grants the state educational institutions might be able to receive if the professor is required to teach at least one class per semester instead of devoting all their time for research. The amount of research grants received by state educational institutions has increased each year from \$337.9 M in FY 2003-04 to a projected \$490.4 M for FY 2009-10.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Higher Education Budget Reports.

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